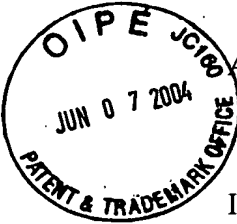


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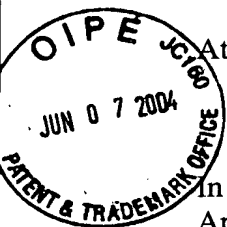
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Applicant provides the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed March 12, 2004, pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

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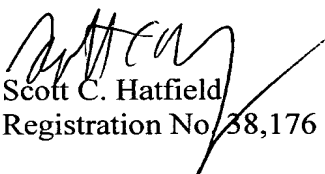
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- ☒ A check in the amount \$728.00 to cover additional claims is enclosed.
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